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		Aya Asa, "Stirring Technology in 21 st Century", <i>Japanese Industrial Standards</i> , November 20, 2000, pp. 41-61	

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